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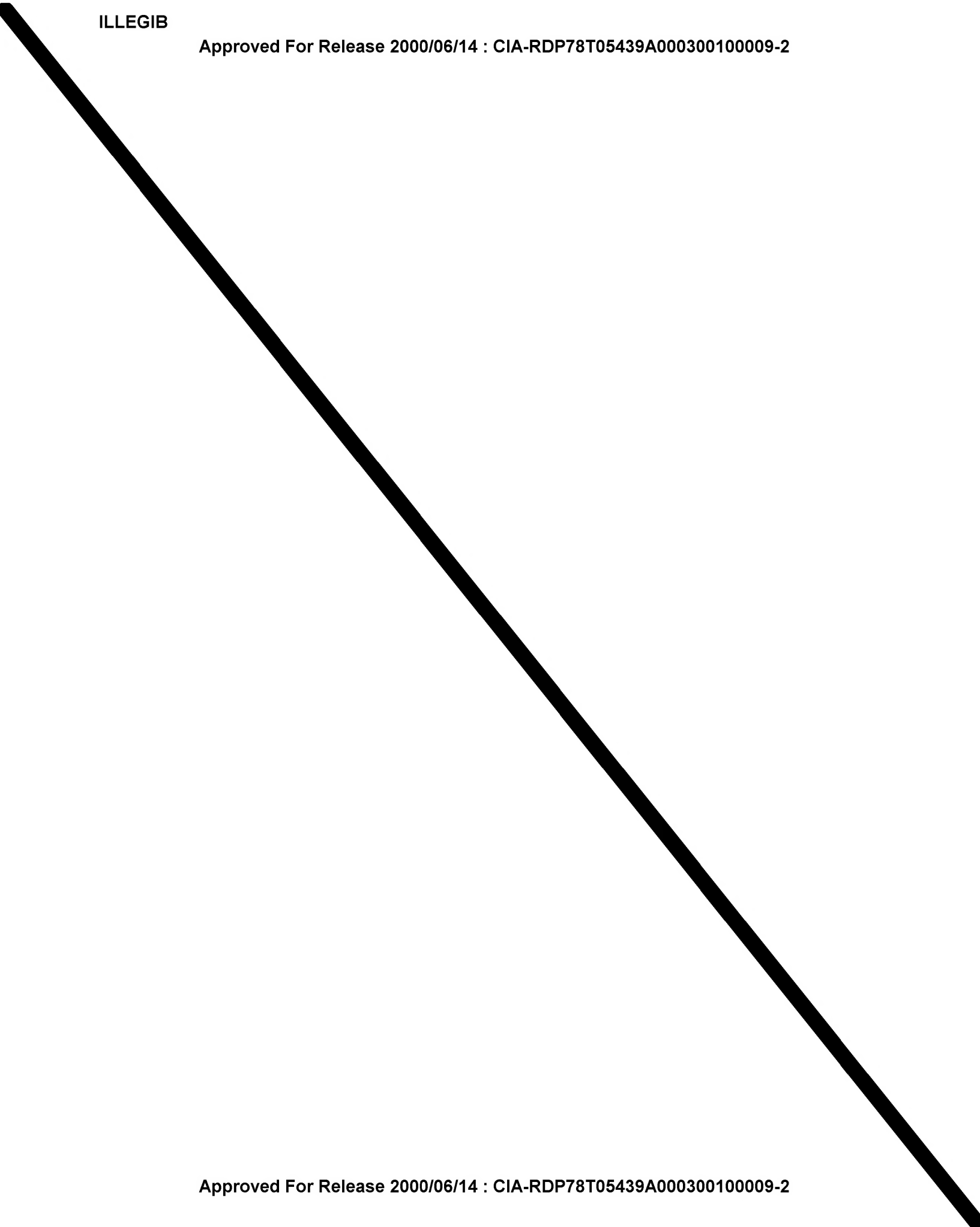

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SUBJECT : Rail Facilities
LOCATION: Shilda, USSR
COORD : 51-49N 59-48E

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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REMARKS

Shilda (51-49N 59-48E) is 66 miles northeast of Orsk, on the double-track railroad leading from Orsk north to Kartaly. From Shilda a narrow-gauge railroad leads 124 kilometers in a southeast direction via Adamovka to Sovkhoz Ozernaya (51-10N 60-55E). Only a few miles of this postwar narrow-gauge railroad are visible on the photography, but it appears that its primary function is transporting agricultural products resulting from the "new lands" program.

The broad-gauge rail facilities at Shilda are relatively minor. The rail yard is only four tracks wide and approximately 3,500 feet long. A total of 121 two-axle and 45 four-axle freight cars are visible on the broad-gauge tracks. Most of these cars are in the freight terminal area. No unusual rail cars were observed. The principal rail activity at Shilda appears to be concerned with the transloading and storage of agricultural products.

As shown on the accompanying line drawing, a small locomotive and car repair facility is located at Shilda. This facility, which serves only the narrow-gauge railroad, includes two rail-served buildings (110 by 80 feet and 160 by 60 feet), four smaller shops, a turning wye, and probable coal and water facilities. A total of 82 freight cars, all less than 35 feet in length, were observed on the narrow-gauge tracks. Most of these cars are in the holding yard near the locomotive and car repair facility.

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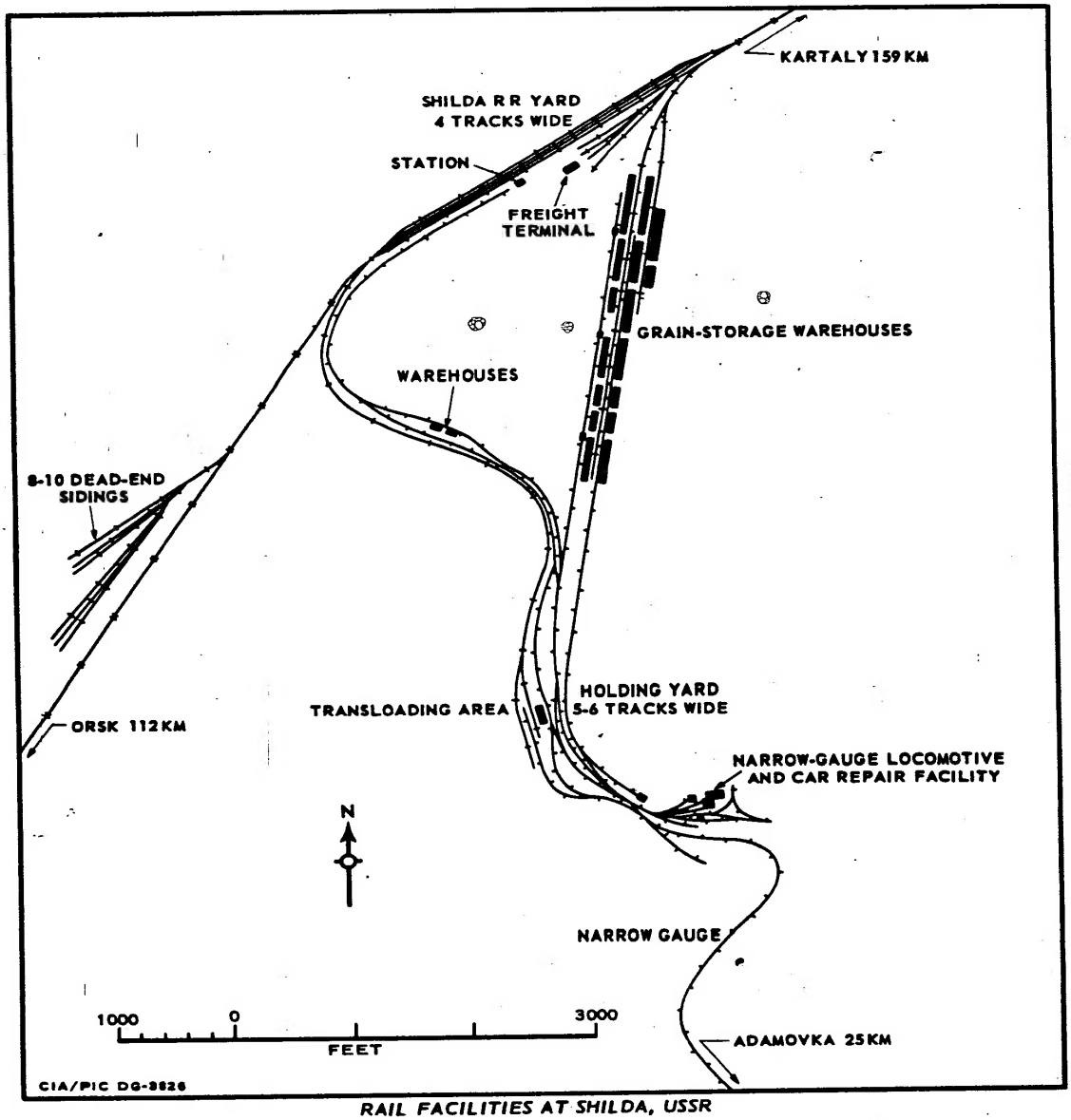

RAIL FACILITIES AT SHILDA, USSR